

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2005, Applicant hereby makes the following response. Claims 7-12 and 19-24 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-6 and 13-18 remain pending for prosecution with Claims 1 and 13 being independent.

I. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 7-9 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,750,042 to Murayama et al.. Claims 7-9 and 19-21 have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-12 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,750,042 to Murayama et al. in view of Japanese Publication No. 10-191168 to Fuji. Claims 10-12 and 22-24 have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 1-6 and 13-18.

IV. Conclusion

All non-allowed claims have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the present application. If the Examiner desires, Applicant's attorney is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is

free to call the undersigned at 816.460.2516. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 19-3140. .

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